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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

SANITARY SURVEILLANCE OF VESSELS AT MEXICAN PORTS.

Under the provisions of section 2 of the act of February 15, 1893, "An act granting additional quarantine powers and imposing additional duties upon the Marine Hospital Service," Acting Asst. Surg. J. A. Campbell has been assigned to duty in the office of the American consul at Vera Cruz, and Acting Asst. Surg. C. Milo Brady has been detailed in the office of the American consul at Tampico.

Under this assignment these officers will sign bills of health in connection with the American consuls, and during the close quarantine season will fumigate vessels destined to United States ports, prior to their departure from the above-named ports. They will also transmit regularly information concerning the sanitary status of said ports and the country contiguous thereto.

BRAZIL.

Bahia—Yellow Fever.

Vice Consul Mueller reports March 25 the occurrence of 6 cases of yellow fever, with 1 death at Bahia.

CHILE.

Yellow Fever.

Consul Winslow at Valparaiso reports April 6: Yellow fever is still reported prevalent at Tocopilla, with a total to date of 90 cases, with 25 deaths.

CHINA.

Hongkong—Plague—Smallpox.

Surg. Brown reports: During the week ended March 16, 1912, 10 cases of plague, with 9 deaths, and 36 cases of smallpox, with 27 deaths, were reported at Hongkong, and during the week ended March 23, 20 cases of plague, with 18 deaths, and 30 cases of smallpox, with 25 deaths.

Plague-Infected Rats.

During the two weeks ended March 23, 1912, 3,804 rats were examined for plague infection. Three plague-infected rats were found.

GREECE.

Cerebrospinal Meningitis.

Consul General Gale reports: During the week ended April 6, 180 cases of cerebrospinal meningitis were reported in Greece, occurring in 34 localities and during the week ended April 13, 28 cases occurring in 12 localities. The reports for the week ended April 13 are incomplete.